

### OUT CREEK'S COMPLAINT.

James H. Hays, of the famous Hays ranch, has been complaining of a sore throat for some time. He says that the sore throat is the result of a cold which he caught while on a tour of inspection of the Hays ranch. He says that the sore throat is the result of a cold which he caught while on a tour of inspection of the Hays ranch. He says that the sore throat is the result of a cold which he caught while on a tour of inspection of the Hays ranch.

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Interesting Sketches Descriptive and Historical.

Casa Grande and Colonia Juárez.

COLUMBIA JUANES, Chihuahua, Mexico, April 4, 1894.

On the 1st inst. I left Colonia Juárez and traveled 16 miles in a northwesterly direction to Colonia Juárez, the headquarters of the Mexican Mission. On my way I visited the Mexican town of Casa Grande, situated on the west bank of the river of that name, and about six miles southwest of Colonia Juárez. The town of Casa Grande is said to contain 1500 inhabitants, and it is built partly on the river bottom and partly on the side of the bank. Like La Amboy, its dwellings consist of low flat-roofed adobe houses, its streets are narrow and winding, and its general appearance suggestive of the people who inhabit it. This is the seat of government for the "municipio" in which both Colonia Juárez and Dulien are situated, and it was from this place that the famous document ordering the United States of Mexico in 1891, was issued. A company of Mexican soldiers, whose position it is to watch the rebels are stationed at Casa Grande.

About a mile south of the modern town are the ruins of the ancient Casa Grande, which means "Big House." This is what has given name to the place, the modern town and the surrounding country. These ruins, which found by the Spaniards several hundred years ago, appeared already then to be very ancient, and the present Mexican population seems to have no idea as to who the people were who inhabited the inhabitants of the old town. The main pile of ruins covers about five acres of land. There are several smaller ruins—apparently the remains of large adobe houses—within a short radius. Some of the walls still standing of the main village are nearly thirty feet high, and there are numerous sets of five-story buildings. Some of the ruins have recently been cleared of the debris which has filled them for centuries, which has revealed many bones, ancient pottery, and other things which, at least a degree of civilization and skill on the part of the ancient population.

Continuing the journey from Casa Grande, I passed over a succession of hills and small valleys, and at length in crossing the last hill I looked down on the settlement of the Salinas known as Colonia Juárez, then named in honor of the famous Mexican general who fought so bravely for the independence of his country.

Colonia Juárez, at the lower end, extends to the river (green rocks). The town is situated in a narrow valley about a mile wide, bounded by hills which are nearly 100 to 200 feet high. The town is built on the side of the valley, the streets running each other at right angles, the houses of the valley and the town being built on the valley and the town being built on the valley and the town being built on the valley.

frontiers in northern Chihuahua then that cultivated by people at present, and the facilities for farming are very limited, as the water is scarce. The stock range is fairly good; the average number of cattle is about 2000, and on both sides of the Frontier. Within the frontier at least a part of this stock is good all the year around.

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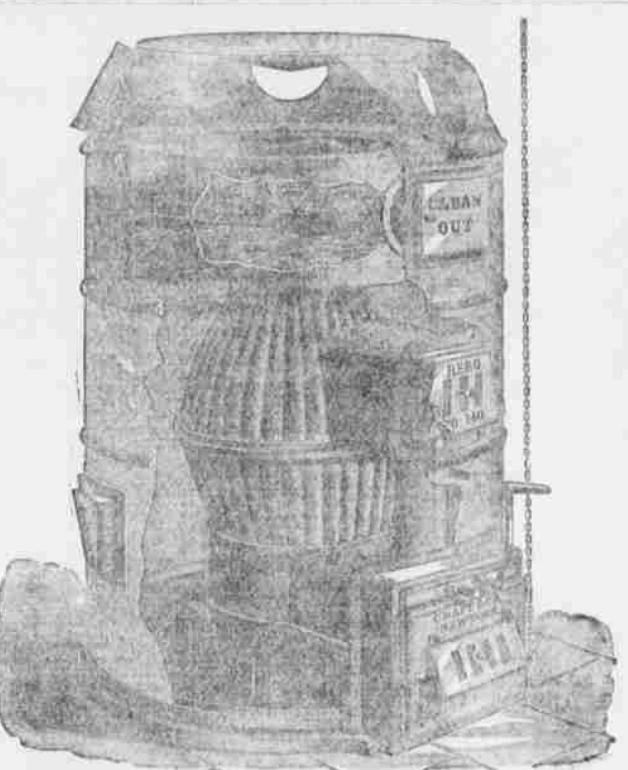


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